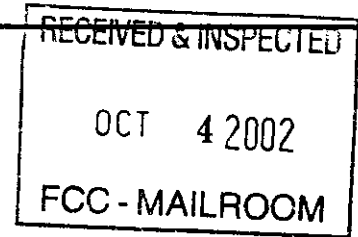




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October 1, 2002

Federal Communications Commission  
445 - 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioners:

In the Matter of Nomination for Universal Service Administration Company Board of Directors CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45, I am pleased to submit the name of Alison M. Hughes as representative for rural health care providers that are eligible to receive discounts.

I have known and worked with Alison Hughes through our common membership on the board of directors of the Arizona Rural Health Association for over five years. Alison's reputation in Arizona in the rural health and telecommunication fields is far-reaching in our state. She conceived of and organized the introductory conference on the universal discount fund for rural health when the fund was first established, and collaborated closely with the Arizona State Corporation Commission to successfully hold this meeting at the Commission's headquarters in Phoenix. She was also a founding staffteam member of the Arizona Telemedicine Program, which is a beneficiary of the Universal Service discount program.

As Director of the State's rural health office, Allison has promoted access to tele-health technology in remote areas of the state for over five years.

I am sending a copy of Ms. Hughes' resume for your review. I am sure you will agree that she is superbly qualified for the USAC board. I commend her to you.

Sincerely,

Jack Beveridge, President  
Arizona Rural Health Association

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***Alison M. Hughes, MPA***  
***Resume***

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**EDUCATION**

**Harvard** University, Kennedy School of Government M.P.A. (Public Policy) 1985  
University of **Phoenix**, **Business** Administration, 1983

**EMPLOYMENT**

February 2002 - Present: Director, Arizona's Rural Health Office

March 1986 - 2002: Associate Director Rural Health Office, College of Public Health University of Arizona

Associate Director, Arizona Telemedicine Program (joint appointment)

**October 1985-March 1986**

Policy Research Analyst, Rural Health ~~Office~~. (Contractual) ~~Researched~~ the status of rural primary care legislation and served as advisor for state **primary** care legislation.

**HONORS**

- 2001 Black Women Task Force, Tucson, "Unsung Heroine" award
- 2001 Pima county/Tucson **Women's** Commission recognition award
- 2000 **and** 2001 American Public Health Association, Medical Care Section. Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Service

**OUTREACH VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

- National advisory ~~committee~~ on rural women's health. Appointed by Secretary of **HHS** (2001-2003).
- National Advisory Committee on Rural Health. (Member 1999-2002). Appointed by Secretary of **HHS**. (**Advise** the Secretary regarding rural health policy.) Chaired Committee on Rural Public Health.
- National Rural Health Association. Policy Board Member (1999-present) **Recommend** national policy to ~~staff~~ **regarding** rural health issues

- National Rural Health Association. Kellogg Grant Leadership Committee (1999-00) **Member.**
- American Public Health Association Governing Council (Member 1999-02)
- National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health. Co-Chair, Telecommunications Committee - Recommend **national telecommunications** policy to appropriate organization officers (Wrote testimony submitted by the President to **USAC** in 2002)
- Center for Substance Abuse Prevention Knowledge Application Standing Review Committee for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). **Three-** year appointment effective October 1, 2000  
Provided testimony to **the** Federal Communications Commission at its meeting **in** the Gila River Indian Community regarding telemedicine access for tribes.

### **State**

- **Arizona** Department of Health Services, statewide bioterrorism committee **member**, 2002
- Arizona Department of **Health** Services, Office of Native American Liaison, **planning** committee, 2002 Native American health workshops
- Arizona Health Policy Roundtable. Founder and organizer. **A** gathering of leaders **in** a variety of state and health and social service organizations to explore current health policy issues. (1998-present)
- **Arizona** Rural Health Association: Founding member and board member (current)
- **Arizona** Turning Point Technology Subcommittee Communications **Work** Group member 1998-99
- **Statewide** Electronic newsletter **on** rural health issues. Founded this newsletter, and provide **ongoing** supervision **on** content.

## **RECENT LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS ON HOSPITALS AND TECHNOLOGY**

Presentations on **telemedicine** applications to three Native American Health workshops **held** in San Carlos, Peach Springs, and HonDah, fall, 2002.

Co-Presenter with Rick McNeely **on** the Arizona Telemedicine Program, to the BG's a Tucson networking group, May, 2001.

Co-Presenter with Dr. Kevin McNeill **on** the Global Development of Telemedicine Technology, July 2001 to the United Nations Association of Southern Arizona.

**Community** presentations and lectures **on** the implications of critical access hospitals to their communities in 2001

- Douglas community members, and board and staff members of the local hospital (February and **again** in July, 2001)  
Gila **River** Indian Community Health Department staff  
San Carlos Apache Indian Community Health Department Board and staff

- Hopi Health Center staff
- Presentation on Critical Access Hospitals to Page Hospital board and community members, **January**, 2001.
- Presentation on critical access hospitals to Benson hospital board and staff members **May**, 2001
- Presentation on critical access hospitals and AHEC relationships to **AHEC** directors, **June**, 2001
- Presentation on Critical Access Hospitals to Wickenburg community and hospital board and staff members, **July**, 2001
- Presentation on Critical Access **Hospitals** to Wilcox Chamber of Commerce and hospital personnel, **July**, 2001.
- Presentation on Critical Access Hospitals to Sage Memorial Hospital staff, **Ganado**, **August**, '01
- Presentation on Critical Access Hospitals to Southwest Alliance of Navajo, **September**, 2001
- Presentation on Critical Access **Hospitals** to Holbrook community, **October**, 2001

"How Flexible is the Rural Hospital Flexibility Program," presentation at November 2000 annual meeting of American Public Health Association.

"Arizona Critical Access Program." Powerpoint presentation to medical and administrative staff of Southeastern **Arizona** Medical Center, **October 16**, 2000

"Current Issues In Public Health." Presentation to the **Gila River Indian Community** Public Health Department staff members, **Prescott**, **October 12**, 2000.

"Examining the Multiple Uses of a Telemedicine Network at the University of Arizona." Presentation at the World Federation of Public Health Agencies, as part of a panel on telecommunications and distance learning, **Beijing, China**, **September 2**, 2000

"**Rural** Telehealth Care in Arizona," presentation to Tribal Health leaders, **May 16**, 2000, **Las Vegas, Nevada**

"Current Rural Health Issues." Presentation to board members of Copper Queen Hospital in **Bisbee**, **March** 2000

"Introducing Arizona's Critical Access Hospital Program," presentations given at three events: Tucson CAH workshop 3/16, Flagstaff CAH workshop 3/17, and Rural Health Conference at **Hon Dah**, **July**, 2000.

"Issues In Rural Leadership." Presentation to Participants at the **Arizona** Rural Health Association Leadership Forum, **Phoenix**, **January 10**, 2000.

"Arizona's Critical Access Hospital Program." Presentation to Participants at the Arizona Legislative Forum, **Phoenix**, **January 11**, 2000.

“Telemedicine at **the** US-Mexico Border.” Presentation to Participants at the US Department of Agriculture **Conference**, Tucson, February 24, 2000.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

“**Survey** Results from the Arizona Enterprise Communities Telemedicine Questionnaire.” American Telemedicine Association 2000 Annual **Meeting**. Co-authors. Driesen, Kevin E., MPH, MA, Hughes, Alison, MPH, Weinstein, Ronald S., MD.

Hughes, Alison, MPA. *Telemedical Project in Arizona*. Article published in ‘Wealth Center Management,’ September/October 1999.

Weinstein, Ronald, MD., Hughes, Alison, MPA, McNeill, Kevin, PhD. “Issues in Telecommunications Access to Bring Telemedicine to Native **American** Health Facilities.” Testimony **provided to** the Federal Communications Commission in May 1999, and in December, 1999.

Hughes, Alison, MPA. *Riding the HPSA Trail*. Article published in Rural Health Notes, January 199 Issue of Medical Care Section, Rural Health Committee publication, American Public **Health** Association.

Hughes, Alison, MPA. *Connecting Arizona’s Enterprise Communities: Strategic Plan and Resource Guide for Telemedicine and Internet Connections*, 1998. Publication made possible with funding support from the U.S Department of Commerce, **TIAP**. (Principal Investigator on Grant)

Hughes, Alison, MPA *Filerman Officers Up A Challenge*. Article published in “Rural **Route**,” the national publication for the Interdisciplinary Health Care for Rural Areas Grant Program. November/December, 1996.

Hughes, Alison, MPA, Martinez, Ralph, PhD. *Riding the Superhighway: Changes to Come*. Article published in National AHEC Bulletin, Fall 1996.

Hughes, Alison, MPA, Estrada, Anthony, PhD. Co-Contributors. *Study of Models to Meet Rural health Care Needs through Mobilization of Health Professions Education and Services Resources*. Published by National Rural health Association, 1992.

Hughes, Alison, MPA . *Survey Finds Significant Number of NHSC Physicians Currently Practicing in Rural Arizona*. Article published in National AHEC Bulletin, Summer, 1990.

Estrada, Antonio L. PhD, MSPH, Hughes, Alison, MPA. *Impact Study of Spanish Language Training on NHSC Physician Practice Among Hispanics*. Article published in National AHEC Bulletin, Summer, 1990.

Hughes, Alison. “**Arizona’s** Chronically mentally Ill: Legislative Attention.” Article published in *Rural*

*Health Roundup*, Vol. 3. No. 3, June, 1986.

Hughes, **Alison**. "Arizona Environmental Quality **Act: A Bold Effort** to Build a Healthy Environment." Article published in *Rural Health Roundup*. Vol. 3, No. 4. August, 1986.

Hughes, **Alison**. *Improving the Status of Household Employment: A handbook for Community Action*. 1969, Washington, **D.C.** National Committee on Household Employment 1969.

## **GRANTS AND CONTRACTS**

### ***Grants Received 2000***

- Grant ~~from~~ **Az**, Department of Health Services to extend Wickenburg Hospital's long-term care facility to telemedicine access, and to expand Tuba City Indian Hospital's capability to more chapter houses. (\$250,000) funded through **Arizona** Telemedicine Program. Grant author.
- Establishing a tele-health home nursing program between **Red Lake** Chapter Home and Tuba City **Indian** Hospital. Funded by **AMB** Foundation, Arizona Community Foundation, and Tuba **City** Indian Hospital. 2000-2001. (\$25,000) Principal Investigator. Funded through **Arizona** Telemedicine **Program**. Grant author and **P.I.**
- "Critical Access Hospital Project. Funded by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy. 01-03 (\$525,000 annual). Alison Hughes, **MPA** (**PI** and Project Director)
- "State Office of Rural Health Program. Funded by the Federal Office of Rural Health **Policy** 01-02. (\$77,000 annual) Alison Hughes and Lynda Bergsma,, Co-PIs.

### ***Past Grants and Contracts***

"Rural Leadership **Forum**," funded by the National Rural Health Association (\$5,000) to **Arizona** Rural Health Association 1999-2000. Grant author, and **AzRHA** board member.

"Arizona Public Health Leadership Institute." Funded by CDC 00-01 through College of Public Health. ~~Kent~~ Campbell, MD (PI). Alison Hughes, contributor.

"A Community Leadership Approach to **Rural** Policy Development. Authored this grant funded by **the** National Rural Health Association to the Arizona Rural Health Association, May, 1999.

- "Introducing Rural **Health** Providers to **the** Universal Services Telecommunications Program." Funded by Minnesota Center for Rural Health. 1998-99. Funded (\$3,000). (Principal Investigator)

"Arizona Telemedicine Program **Link** With mariposa Community Health Center." Funded by U.S.

Department of Agriculture, RUS. 1998 Funded \$141,150. (Co-PI with Ronald S. Weinstein, MD)

- **"Connecting Arizona's** Enterprise Communities to Telemedicine and Telecommunications Access." Funded by U.S. Department of Commerce, TIIAP. 1997-98. Funded \$50,000. (Principal Investigator)
- **"Training Tohono O'odham** Personnel to Administer a Long-Term Care Center." Funded by Tohono O'odham Nation (1995-1999). Principal Investigator.
- "Southwest Border Region Partnership Planning Meeting." Contract *from* US Department of Agriculture. Funded (1997) Principal Investigator.
- **Implementing** National Workshops for Key Personnel of Interdisciplinary Training Grants (1993, '94, '95). Principal Investigator.
- Implementing National Workshop for Key Personnel of Allied Health Training Grants (1995-96).
- Regional **Training workshops** in Spanish Language for Physicians working with under-served population. Region VIII NHSC/PHS. Principal Investigator. 1994.
- **Training** Program in US Health Care System for West **Bank** Scholar. Contract funded by Amideast, 1993. Principal Investigator.
- Training Health Care Professionals From Aden Hospital, **Yemen**. Contract funded by Amideast. (Co-Principal Investigator with *Anthony Vuturo, MD*) 1992. Principal Investigator.
- Clinical Education Conference for National Health Service Corps Assignees in the Pacific **Basin**, 1993 (\$22,682). Contract No. R9-PHS-17-93. Principal Investigator.
- Federal Tort Claims **Act** Workshop Series, 1993 (\$24,903). Contract No. R9-PHS-26-93. Principal Investigator.
- Western Regional Nurse **Practitioner**/Physician Assistant Training Conference, 1992. (\$24,995). Contract No. R9-PHS-40-92. Principal Investigator.
- Design and Implementation of **Regional Conference on Status of Health Care Research Along the US-Mexico Border**, Grant **from** federal Agency for Health *Care* Policy Development. Funded 1991. (Principal Investigator)
- Region **IX** Annual Community Health Center Clinical and Directors Training Conference, 1993. Contract No. R9-PHS-Q-7-90. Principal Investigator.
- Region **IX Annual** Clinical Directors Conference. Funded 1990. HHS/PHS. \$22,557. Principal

Investigator. (Contract No. R9-PHS-Q-7-90)

Training Health Care Professional from Thailand in Methods of Manufacturing and Storing Sera. Contract funded by Amideast. 1990. Principal Investigator.

- Establishing an AIDS Education Program at the College of Medicine. Contract from University of California/Davis 1988. Authored by Alison Hughes. (Kay Bauman, PI)

Mobile Clinic Clinical Services. Grant Funded by Stocker Foundation, 1987. Authored by Alison Hughes. (Andy Nichols, PI)

## **PEER REVIEWS**

### **Journal Reviews**

- *Journal of Rural Health*. Peer Reviewer in Fall, 2001
- *Rural Health Research Journal*. Peer reviewer for Summer 1999 and Spring 1995 issues
- *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*. Peer Reviewer for Spring 1994 issue

### **Federal Granting Agency Review Committees**

- Peer Review Committee Member: **Family** Strengthening Program, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Agency, August, 2000
- Chair, Federal Peer Review Committee for Rural Health Outreach Grants, February, 2000. (Federal Office of Rural Health Policy.)
- Peer Review Committee Member: Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Outreach and/or Network Grants, 1995-99.
- Peer Review Committee Member: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Agency, Community Partnership grant application cycle, 1998. State Incentive Program 1999
- U. S. Department of Education: Eisenhower Leadership Grants Peer Reviewer 1994-95.
- U. S. Department of Health and Human Services: Peer Review Committee for Rural Hospital Transition Grants.
- U.S. Department of Education: Special Services/Talent Search programs, the Women's Educational Equity Act, Title X, and the Emergency School Assistance Act. (1972-76)